



# MONTEREY NEWS

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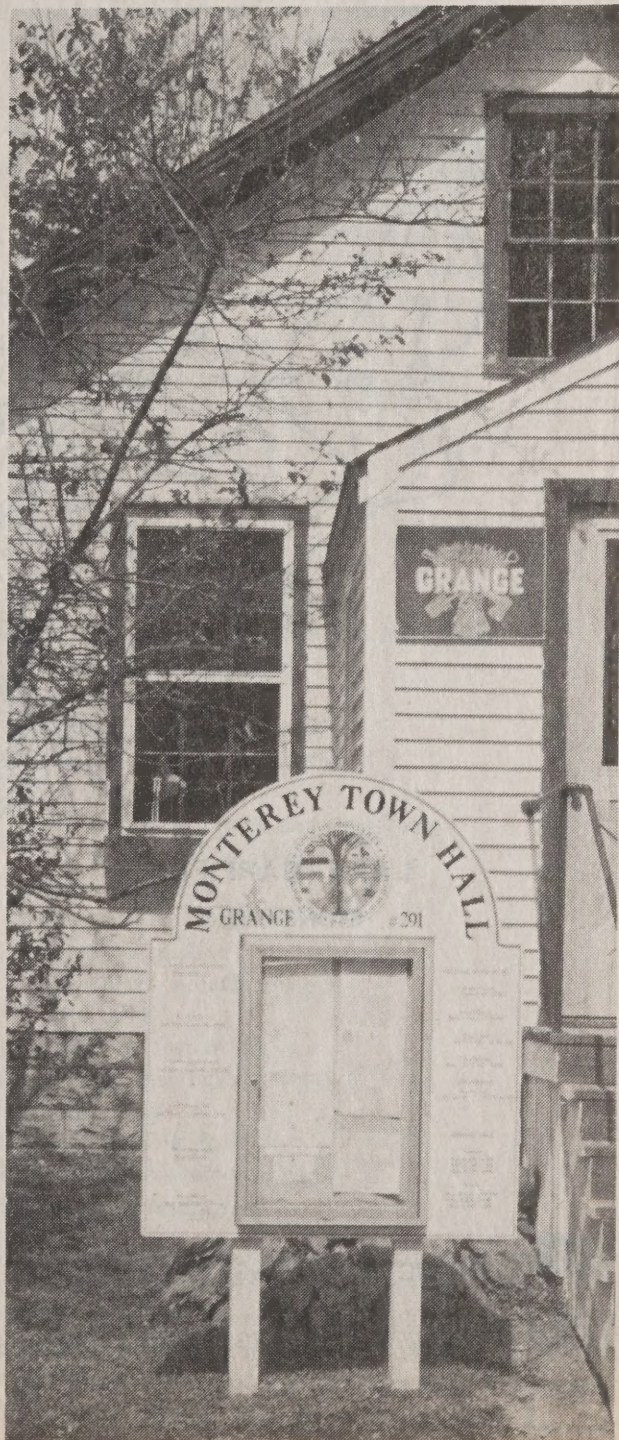
## TOWN MEETING

The Monterey Town Meeting, which began in May, was completed in its third session on August 31 at the firehouse. The meeting was a continuation of the August 25 Special Town Meeting, which was adjourned due to the late hour.

The Town Meeting began with Article 10 on the warrant, concerned with driveways or "Access to Public Ways." The proposed by-law outlined instructions to apply for a driveway permit and described recommended design requirements; i.e., slope grade, location, inspection and maintenance. Article 10 was defeated with 45 people in favor and 34 people opposed; a two-thirds majority is needed to pass a proposed by-law. Article 11 was an attempt to add "Common Driveway" to the by-laws and inform the townspeople concerning regulations, design requirements, maintenance, etc. There were questions about the proposed maximum length (500 ft.), and some voters thought it was too restrictive. Members of the Planning Board cited safety factors involving fire trucks with common driveways over 500 feet in length. Dek Tillett asked Fire Chief Ray Tryon for his opinion of the safety factor. Mr. Tryon said he saw no problem with driveways over 500 feet long. Article 11 was not passed, with 55 voters in favor and 45 opposed. Article 12 dealt with the definitions of "Repair" and "Ordinary Repair" and stated the conditions which demand a building permit; i.e., building permits are mandatory for "Repair" and are not necessary for "Ordinary Repair." This proposal was passed, with 72 in favor and 22 opposed.

After ascertaining that there was no other Town business, a motion was made to adjourn and then seconded. When Town moderator Mark Makuc asked if there was any discussion (on adjourning) Jim Laffey took the floor and said that he wanted to change his "no" vote on the Stream and Pond Protection proposal to a "yes" vote. Apparently under these circumstances the issue can be brought before the Town again. The Moderator reminded Mr. Laffey that the motion to adjourn must be dealt with first. The townspeople voted to adjourn the meeting by a voice vote. The Stream and Ponds Protection proposal discussion will have to wait another year.

— Maggie Leonard

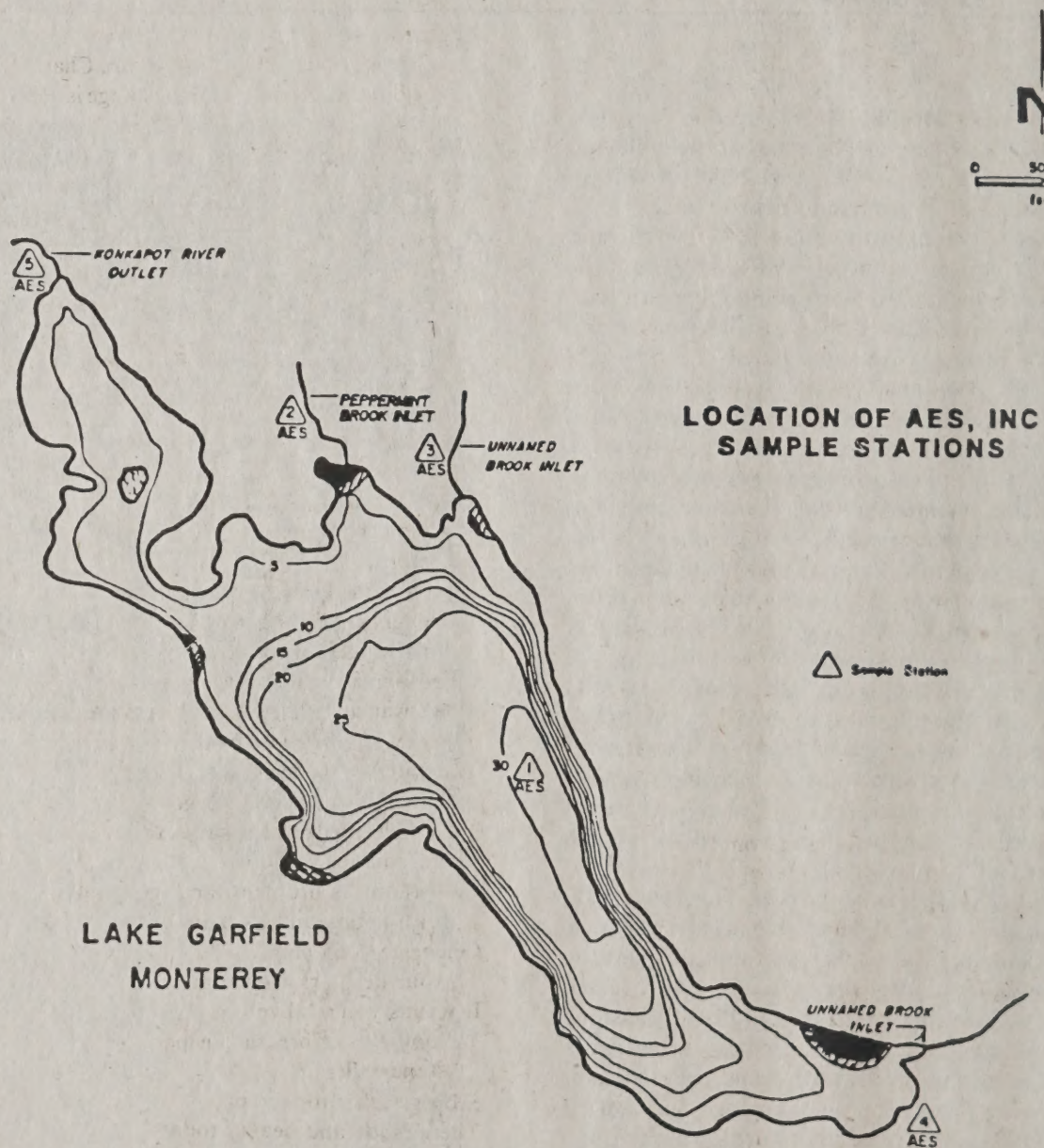


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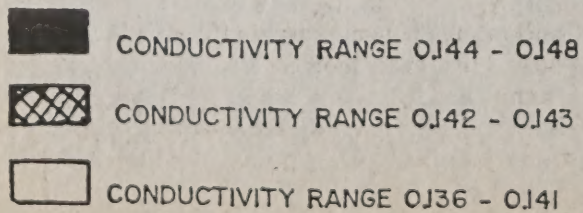
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## LOCATION OF AES, INC SAMPLE STATIONS

△ Sample Station

LAKE GARFIELD  
MONTEREY



CONDUCTIVITY READINGS  
SEPTEMBER 6, 1989

(High conductivity suggests septic leakage)



CONSERVATION COMMISSION NEWS

On September 11 the Monterey selectmen submitted a Notice of Intent to the Monterey Conservation Commission to draw down Lake Garfield to its fullest extent in the fall of 1989. Present to give information were representatives of Associated Environmental Scientists, the firm hired by the Town to do a four-season study of the lake. Although the study will not be completed until spring 1990, preliminary data suggests that the two most troublesome weeds in the lake are those which respond to drawdown. Also, a habitat suitability study revealed that few species of wildlife will be adversely affected by drawdown. Personal observations voiced at the hearing stated that no fish kill had been noted subsequent to drawdowns in the past, suggesting that, even though there is a "dead zone" two or three meters deep at the bottom of the lake, there is enough habitable water left at low water levels to sustain fish life.

Ray Levesque of AES tentatively recommended drawdown based on the early results of his study. He added another reason for suggesting a drawdown be accomplished this year: as his study continues through the winter, he will be able to tell what happens to the dead zone as a result of drawdown. He and his assistants are postulating that the shoreline zone of the lake is contributing masses of dead material to the deep, central portion and causing an oxygen-deprived, toxic condition. Drawdown will theoretically decrease the mass of living plants at the lake shore and thereby decrease the load of dead material drifting into its depths.

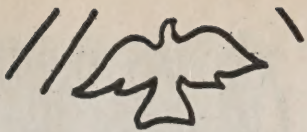
The Monterey Conservation Commission was unable to draft an Order of Conditions for the project following the hearing, but the general consensus was that at least a flood control drawdown of three feet and probably a full drawdown of five feet will be allowed. The gates at the dam will be partially opened beginning October 1 and the steady release of lake water will end October 15.

Levesque also reported the results of a tour of the lake shore on September 6 which tested nutrient flow into the lake from both human and natural sources. His data, from which he has as yet drawn no broad conclusions, pointed up several areas of significantly high input. These included the water flowing out of Peppermint Brook, the area near Jason Camp, a site supporting some new construction between two streams, the east end of the lake near a high shore elevation sporting two or three cottages, an area in front of Parker's Cove and a portion of shoreline just before the channel. This part of the study was described by Dean Amidon as primarily an evaluation of "potential septic problems." As Dean said, drawdown is not the answer to lake weed problems. Controlling nutrients coming into the lake is the final answer.

An Order of Conditions applicable to the Garfield drawdown was drawn up on Monday, September 18, at a special meeting of the Monterey Conservation Commission.

Lake dwellers are advised to remove boats and docks before the water levels get low following October 1.

— Ellen K. Pearson



CHURCH NEWS

With the coming of autumn we, at the church, say goodbye to our summer members. During the past several months they have graced the worship and life of our community. We will miss them.

Life seems to be an ongoing saga of saying hello and goodbye — not only to people but situations and circumstances as well. Each person, season and event leaves its signature on our lives, blessing us in a variety of ways. Perhaps one of the important lessons of life is that nothing lasts forever. Change is an integral part of the human experience. But change is not always something that we look forward to. While change can bring new possibilities, potential and adventure, most often it is faced with fear and anxiety.

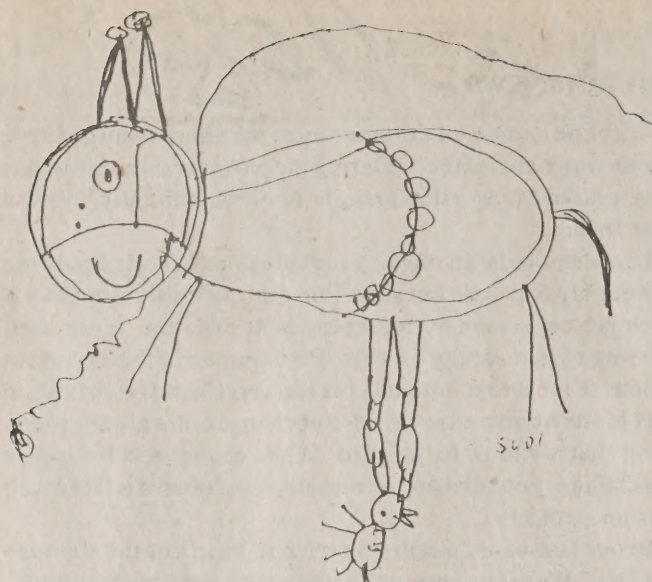
In our fast-paced culture we seem to have lost the ability to just "be." We're so concerned with "what's next on the agenda" or "what's behind the next corner," that we don't appreciate and affirm the present moment. In his book, *Celebrate the Temporary*, Dr. Clyde Reid maintains that in order to live fully we must take time to savor the "here and now" instead of worrying about what the future might bring.

Celebrate the temporary  
Don't wait until tomorrow — live today  
Celebrate the simple things  
    enjoy the butterfly  
    embrace the snow  
    run with the ocean  
    delight in the trees  
    or a single lonely flower  
    go barefoot in the wet grass  
Don't wait until all the problems are solved  
    or all the bills are paid.  
You will wait forever  
    eternity will come and go  
    and you will still be waiting  
Live in the now  
    with all its problems and its agonies  
    with its joy and its pain  
Celebrate your pain  
    your despair, your anger  
It means you're alive  
    look closer, breathe deeper,  
    stand taller  
Stop grieving for the past  
There is joy and beauty today  
It is temporary  
    here now and gone  
So celebrate it while you can  
Celebrate the temporary.

Part of celebrating the temporary is affirming that we are God's people and that every moment is a time of possibility. In the community and fellowship of the church we recognize not only our heritage and hope but each and every moment we share together as a family of faith. Celebrating the temporary is an affirmation of life.

— Cliff Aerie





Mother horse, with baby nursing

## PERSONAL NOTES

Our congratulations to **Rick and Debbie Mielke** on the birth of their second daughter, **Dinah Fiske Mielke**. **Claire's** little sister was born in Great Barrington on September 2 weighing 9 lbs.

And congratulations also to **Richard and Wendy Durchanek** of Cronk Road on the birth of their second son, **Antonin Dmitri**. Antonin was born at BMC on September 8, weighing in at 7 lbs. 11 oz.

Keep an eye out for the recently published *In Search of Lost Roses* by **Thomas Christopher**. Thomas is the husband of **Suzanne O'Connell**, son-in-law of **Gige**. The book, the alternate selection by the Garden Monthly Book Club, details looking for antique roses and people involved in that field. Thomas and Suzanne have recently moved to Middletown, CT, from Texas, and are glad to be back in New England. Suzanne will be teaching geology at Wesleyan. Congratulations to both of you!

We welcome back **Cliff, Jan, Joshua and Arianna Aerie**, who recently spent three weeks in Colorado visiting family and enjoying the scenic Rocky Mountains. The highlight of their trip was exploring the Anasazi Indian ruins at Mesa Verde. And we wish Jan well in her new job. She has resigned her position as Aging Resource Specialist at Elder Services to become Development Coordinator at the Rudolf Steiner School in Great Barrington. She will continue her work counseling families of the elderly and as Bereavement Counselor for Southern Berkshire Hospice.

We also welcome back **Judy and David Bach** of Hupi Road, who have returned from Switzerland, where Judy spent three weeks studying German. She will master the language yet! They had a wonderful visit upon their return from **Sidney and Eve Bass** from Oregon.

**Rich and Jayne Pearl-Hommel** and son **Ryan** have moved to Lenox from California, much to the delight of Jayne's parents, **Bud and Shirley Pearl** of Bidwell Road. Rich is a talented jazz guitarist, and Jayne is editor of a new magazine published in

Great Barrington called *Family Business*.

Congratulations to star basketball players **John Mulroy, David Ohman, and Jeremy Vallianos**. The three boys attended Coach K's basketball camp at Mt. Everett, where Jeremy was awarded two trophies, first place for one on one and for the Hot Shot contest, and John and David one each for winning the team playoffs. Michael Ohman assisted with the camp. Keep up the good work, guys!

It's fun to see playground activity as we pass by the Monterey Kindergarten. We all remember something about that first day of school. There are thirteen kinders this year, nine boys and four girls. We wish them all a great school experience. **Andrea Parks and Heidi Rood** are our Monterey students.

Congratulations to **Carl Champigny**, who has received a Certificate of Recognition from the Commissioner of Public Works of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Carl is Engineer and Foreman of District 1, and he and his unit were nominated for the Pride in Performance Program. It is great to have one of our own recognized for a good job well done.

Very Happy Birthday Wishes to **Rick Mielke**, insignificant though it may be, on August 30; to **Candice Piretti** on September 3; to **Jay Kain**, who got peanut butter in his chocolate big time on September 8; to **Kathleen McBride**, who enjoyed a trip to Arizona with her twin sister on September 10; to **Jeff Gauthier**, whose girlfriend cared enough to give the very best token—a gift certificate to jump out of a plane!—on September 13; to **Ellen Coburn** on September 24; and to **myself** on September 26. And Happy Anniversary to **Bob and Barbara Gauthier** on September 17.

— Stephanie Grotz





## WHO'S WHO IN MONTEREY

### The Piretti Family

John, Candice, Erin, Brittany

The Pirettis are wonderful and not your typical family. I'd call them a "family on the move." They move around Monterey fixing up or building one house, then moving on to the next. "Once a house is finished, the challenge is gone," John explains. Candice adds, "The kids grew up around hammers and sawdust; we're all used to it." Despite all this moving, driven by the entrepreneurial spirit they both inherited from their parents, the Piretti family seems very settled. It is abundantly clear that, with them, family comes first, above all else. As long as they're together, it doesn't much matter what house they live in. They make each house a "home" before moving on.

The Pirettis are also exceedingly friendly and generous. After approaching them to do this article the next thing I knew I was sitting down sharing dinner with them in their beautiful home on Beartown Mountain Road.

John Piretti was born in Healsburg, California, but grew up "around the country; we moved 27 times in 30 years!" John grew up in, as he puts it, "a family of potato farmers and entrepreneurs. We owned our own business and found that the best opportunities came by moving around." Although John has been building ever since he can remember, he's had many other jobs too numerous to mention, ranging from farming to welding. At one point long before his family came along, he took off with his dog and traveled around the country in his van for over a year. He graduated from the University of Massachusetts with a degree in restaurant/hotel management.

For the past three years, John has been rehabilitating and renovating old houses, something he is very passionate about. "It's so exciting to apply new ideas and construction methods to old houses." He's also built some of the finest new homes around. "Spring House," the Pirettis' current home, is an extraordinary example of panel construction. John's meticulous craftsmanship is evident in every small detail. It's obvious how much pride he takes in his work. More aptly put, John is his work. After concentrating on spec houses, John recently has begun accepting custom home jobs.

Candice Piretti is originally from Pittsfield. She went away to school and at 21 went to travel in Europe with two friends. She landed in Crete and ended up owning a discotheque called "Remezzo" overlooking the Mediterranean. She also became an expert of the "Sirtaki" dance, which she was later hired to teach tourists on Greek cruise ships. (She was told not to speak for fear the tourists would find out they were being taught this native Greek folk dance by a newly arrived American!) Missing the seasons and especially rain ("every day is beautiful in the Greek Isles"), Candice came back to the States and put herself through college at the University of Massachusetts, where she majored in counseling and graduated magna cum laude. Candice is currently one of the most successful real estate salespersons in Berkshire County and is affiliated with Benchmark Real Estate right here in Monterey.

John and Candice met in 1974, when he and his parents bought the Cork 'N Hearth restaurant, where Candice was working as a waitress while putting herself through school. Breaking a major rule of the restaurant business not to socialize with the help, John asked Candice out after two weeks.



She ended up getting fired. Soon thereafter, when John bought out his parents' share in the restaurant, needless to say, Candice got her job back! They married in 1976.

For the next 13 years John and Candice owned and operated the Cork 'N Hearth. Each did everything from construction to cooking to bartending to dishwashing. It was also during this time that they started renovating old houses in Pittsfield. They had a lot of great restaurant stories to tell me, like the time when a lady in high heels screeched as she, on her way to the salad bar, stepped on a stray mouse that had wandered in. Then there's the time when a bat flew in from the screened porch, causing horrified diners to duck as it circled around the dining room. The best one had to be when an impeccably dressed man in a three-piece suit, just arriving on a Friday night from New York City, dropped in for a drink at the 11-person outside bar. It had been raining a lot that afternoon. Just as he got his drink the plastic roof under which he was sitting sprang a leak and dropped about ten gallons of water directly on him! "Fortunately, he had a great sense of humor," John and Candice remember. "While everyone else was laughing at him, he just sat there, dripping wet, and calmly asked for a cigarette."

Erin Piretti, 12, is in the 7th grade at Mt. Everett, and Brittany, 8, is in the 3rd grade at New Marlborough Central School. Although the girls were too shy to say so, their parents were proud to tell me that they are consistently on the Honor Roll. They enjoy skiing with their dad at Butternut and shopping with their mom anywhere!

Although the Piretti family moves around a lot, they're in Monterey to stay. "Monterey is truly home," they told me. "We don't mind moving around as long as we stay in Monterey. There are people here with values like ours regarding children, the environment, and life in general. It's nice to know, follow, and be part of what's going on in town. For a small town, Monterey possesses a unique and sophisticated flair, a cosmopolitan feel. The people and surroundings here make us feel comfortable." Asked if anything in town bothers them: "Yes, we hate to see, as of late, Town politics brought down to personal levels. It's a shame. We're all in this together, we must all work together."

— Jim Laffey



## SKUNKS AND YELLOW JACKETS

Fall is a time of great industry for all native New Englanders. We know what is coming and we like to be prepared, one way or another. Some are making travel plans, packing for the long journey to southern places. It is not in their physical make-up to survive the northern winter, and they don't have the instinct to gather in fuel from the summer's productivity or put on extra fur and fat.

Travel is exciting, of course, but for those who stay at home this time of year is hardly dull, either. Creatures you may not have noticed much all summer are suddenly on the move, bustling about getting ready. The raccoons have been here all along, but now they are patrolling the cornfields, outwitting all sorts of traps and fences to get at the stuff which will make them fat and comfortable for the winter.

Skunks are out, too, and we get a whiff the next morning which lets us know some adventure occurred during the night. We have skunks rooting around under the mulch in our garden, digging up beetle larvae and converting them into skunk fat. Every once in a while a skunk gets so engrossed in this work that it backs into the electric fence we have around the corn patch. Then we notice, the next morning, the faint perfume of fear and self-defense. It's not fair, it's just hard knocks for the skunk, the price it pays for our nice crop of beetle larvae.

Another unfair thing happened recently here. Some small social insects were minding their own business, feeding their babies and building up their communal home, when they heard a terrible roaring noise and smelled an awful smoke. The noise and the smell came closer and closer and then a huge foot with a sneaker on it plunged into their carefully tended home, crushing adults and babies, ruining the nurseries, and caving in the sides of the nest.

Does this sound familiar? Did your nest ever get buzzed by a giant mowing machine and then tromped by an immense foot? If it did, I know what you did. You called the police, the National Guard. You attacked the foot with poisoned spears until it ran off screaming. Then you took a deep breath, surveyed the ruins of your home, and began to rebuild. Being a native New Englander, your instinct told you to get the place closed in before frost, get the surviving babies protected.

If you haven't been the one whose nest was destroyed, then maybe like me you have been the one doing the destroying. I know I've mowed the edge of the orchard many times since early June, but this is the first time the yellow jackets ever beat me off like that. They were yellow jackets, of course. I'm lucky, I'm not allergic (yet) to bee or wasp stings. Still, they hurt plenty and I'm letting the grass grow over the nest now. Suddenly I have reconsidered the importance of a tidy orchard edge.

It is typical of yellow jackets that their defensiveness grows during the summer. The queen starts the nest all by herself in the spring, building the first paper cells in an old chipmunk hole and laying fertile eggs from her mating the previous fall. She feeds these first larvae herself, flying out to find insects which she grabs and munches up into a paste. She regurgitates this high-protein formula to her babies but eats pollen and nectar herself. When the babies grow up they emerge and take on the job of feeding the next larvae. The queen stays home after this, laying eggs and being fed by her grown children.

More circular discs of paper cells are built to accommodate



more egg-laying. The colony grows and some species of yellow jackets may have as many as 4,000 workers by fall. There may be 10,000 hexagonal cells in the nest, full of developing larvae. Some are destined to be workers, some males, and some queens. The workers are non-reproductive females, the developmental result of what some entomologists call "nutritional castration." Queens are fed more and better. They develop differently as a result and even have a tougher skin or integument which is nearly safe from the stinging attacks of other species of yellow jackets.

By this time of year, the yellow jackets have invested so much time and energy in building up the colony that evolution has given them a corresponding seasonal "temper." You can mow over a little June nest and get off with a warning. But now you'd better steer clear because the 4,000 workers can't afford to have you wreck their life's work. Save your mowing for cold weather when the bees and wasps don't fly. If the nest is in a place where you absolutely must stand or walk, or if you are allergic to bee venom, then you will have to get serious and destroy the nest with chemical warfare.

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The skunk that digs up our beetle grubs also loves yellow jacket larvae. We have two yellow jacket nests which have been torn apart by skunks in the last couple of weeks, and there wasn't the trace of a smell on the breeze the next morning to let us know the skunk had been wounded. Maybe it wasn't even attacked. Maybe its fall foraging instinct includes the message that yellow jacket nests are best consumed on chilly nights. Or maybe the New England Ma Nature has given the skunk some other form of protection against wasp stings. She would know that the work of the yellow jackets is not wasted when the skunk gobbles them up, the way it is when I tromp on a nest. No instinct or armor was handed out to me. Like others of my species, the only really useful thing I have is my ability to learn from experience. I have to wonder how successful this adaptation is since I have to get all stung up before I can profit from it. Still, the same equipment worked pretty well (this year) in keeping the raccoons out of the crop. I'll be the one putting on corn-fat this winter to keep myself comfortable.

— Bonner J. McAllester





## LAKE GARFIELD ASSOCIATION

The lowering of Lake Garfield will commence on October 1, 1989. We have a very active and interested Lake Management Committee working hard and coming up with positive ideas. The committee consists of Barbara Resnick, Chairperson; Sally Emmel; David McAllester; and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lazzarini. We will be hearing more from them in the future.

On September 11 the Monterey Conservation Commission had a well-attended hearing to discuss and hear comments on Lake drawdown. Mr. Ray Levesque and Mr. Bruce Tease from Associated Environmental Scientists Inc. presented their recommendation to lower the lake this year for weed control. They presented information to the Conservation Commission, the Selectmen and the Lake Association to support their recommendation.

The consultants will continue the study by taking samplings in the fall and later on, through the ice, this winter. When completed they will have compiled a year-long inventory of data from the lake and will make their final recommendation in the early spring of 1990.

In addition they spent six hours on September 6 (right after the heavy Labor Day Weekend) testing for *possible* indications of seepage of septic leachate into the lake. Several locations were found, and these were indicated on the report to the Selectmen, Conservation Commission and the Lake Garfield Association.

The Executive Committee (all of the officers of the Association) met on September 16 to discuss two issues that were brought up at our last meeting in July and, by vote, left to the Executive Committee to resolve.

1. *Shall the Lake Association recommend that a separate homeowners association be formed?* After considerable discussion at the meeting, the committee decided to recommend against forming an additional group and instead will suggest that second-home owners join with the Lake Garfield Association. Thus a stronger body will be formed and will represent everyone's interests.

2. It was decided to donate a sum of money to the Town of Monterey to supplement the fund voted at the Annual Town Meeting for the cost of the Diagnostic Study/Environmental Evaluation. The amount will be made public at a later date.

We have had a busy and productive year, and we hope things are progressing in a manner which will improve the quality of living in Monterey, and of our lake, which means so much to us.

Have a happy and healthy winter.

— Dean P. Amidon  
President, Lake Garfield Association



## PARK COMMISSION NEWS

The beach has been put to bed, but the swimming season was a great one. The Red Cross swimming classes sponsored by the Town were very successful again this year. Our lifeguard, Kara Aiken, was the swimming instructor, assisted by Nicole Ziemba, the assistant lifeguard. About fifty young people came to learn, and all showed great improvement as the classes went on. Those completing requirements for the various levels were: *Swimmers*: Nicole Schlegel, Sarah Schur; *Intermediate*: Katie Fleming Ives, Rebecca McTavish; *Advanced Beginners*: Luke Moulton, Meredith Friedman, Heather Kraus, Jill Schlegel; *Beginners*: Sam Amidon, Jamie Bynack, Kim Gero, Dylan Moulton, Mariah Rutherford-Olds, Shawn Tryon.

They were happy, sunny days. Not to be overlooked were the three and four year olds, a class as entertaining as it was educational. Several hardworking young people also earned Basic Lifesaving cards, another aspect of the valuable learning available at the Monterey beach.

The program as a whole ran very smoothly this year. We are proud of our new shed, which was built to house Park Commission equipment. Thanks for the many, and often amusing, suggestions as to how it might be used! It is the product of volunteer labor. The telephone, finally installed, was not working due to the strike, but next year both shed and telephone will be available.

*Skating* is the next thing. Yes, Jim Thomas is already thinking of ice hockey. The wood panels will be going up, with a few innovations: the ice-making will be more expert. Maybe there will be music. For those of you who want to participate, find your skates—it should be a better winter, even, than last. We will need assistance with ice-making and monitors. Please call if you have any time. More details next month.

— Tom, Jim, and Fran



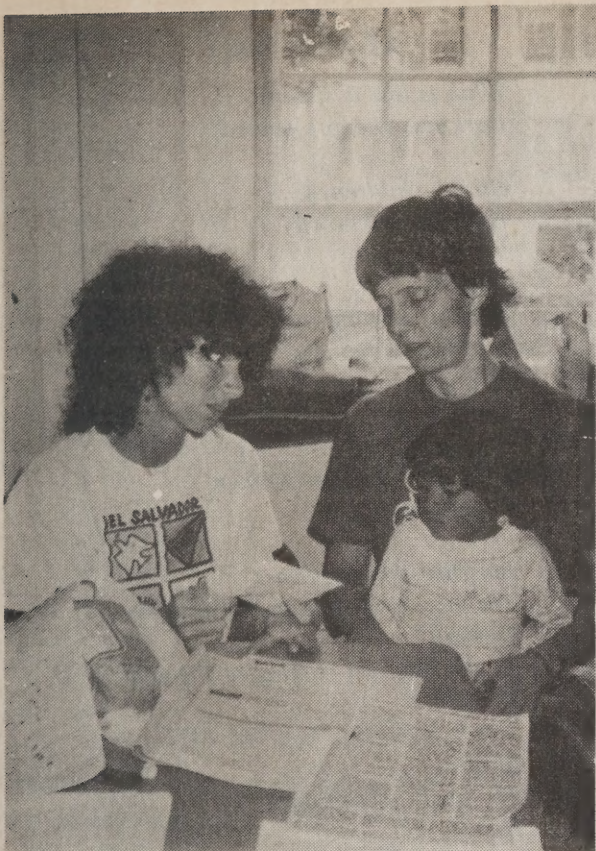


## Halloween Photographs from the 1950s and 1960s

by Eleanor Kimberley







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*Monterey Food Coop Coordinators Donna Bartell and Bonner McAllester, assisted by Cora Jay Baker*



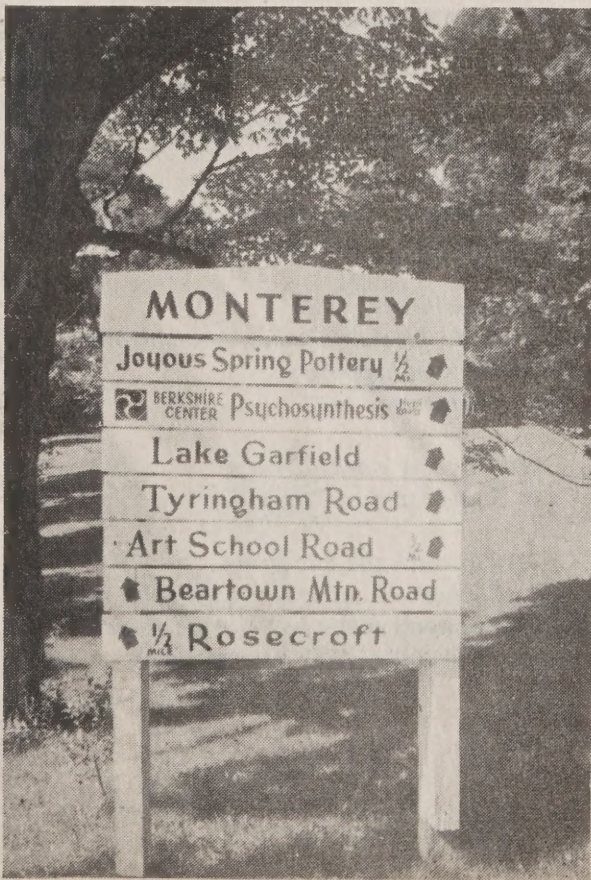
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*Louis Muller delivers the mail along H. C. 62 on Saturdays*



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*The Monterey Food Coop in the church basement on distribution day: Ellen Pearson, Elk Dempsey, and Amy Shinerock figure up the costs*



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## MORNING ENCOUNTER

*One, two, three, four    One, two, — — — —  
I click along thru cool and shrouding mist  
The sun lazily, hazily contending with it.*

*Suddenly—a tick. Was it a falling acorn? pebble?  
Stop. Listen. (Your walk can wait.)  
Peer down the steep road-bank into underbrush.*

*Behold! The scattered rocks begin to rise on  
sturdy legs, shake cramped wings  
stretch piloting neck  
daintily, carelessly plod, high-stepping in the tangle.*

*Impatience seizes Mother Turkey. With a push  
of the legs, a spread of the wings, she  
maneuvers  
clumsily, deftly thru the criss-crossed  
lower branches,*

*Then bursts thru the hedgerow, soars  
smoothly over the meadow, settles  
gracefully,  
undulates into the new-mown grass,  
nonchalantly gathers  
a breakfast of dew-besotted grasshoppers.*

— Mary B. Ward

## PARIS IS SOMEWHERE

*Try to remember  
the past has passed—  
Too quickly gone away.*

*Gone where?  
And where are the bright tomorrows  
Filled with happiness  
laughter and toil?*

*Day by day clocks by  
Squandered on "the usual."*

*Try to catch the kite string  
Fly high—soar to where the heart is.  
Mine lingers within La Place des Vosges.  
(14 Juillet, 1789, remembered)*

— E. L. W.

## WHAT IS LOST

*What is lost is silence  
Darkness is expropriated*

*Oh my children, you  
Have never known*

*Wheels,  
Rubber whining on blacktop,  
To you is quietness  
This infective glow  
Night*

*What has not been known  
Cannot be lost*

*But this old man hears  
The marching of the end of darkness  
Trembles  
At the huge on-coming of the end  
Of silence*

*Mourns  
The death of blessings  
His*

— James H. Michelman

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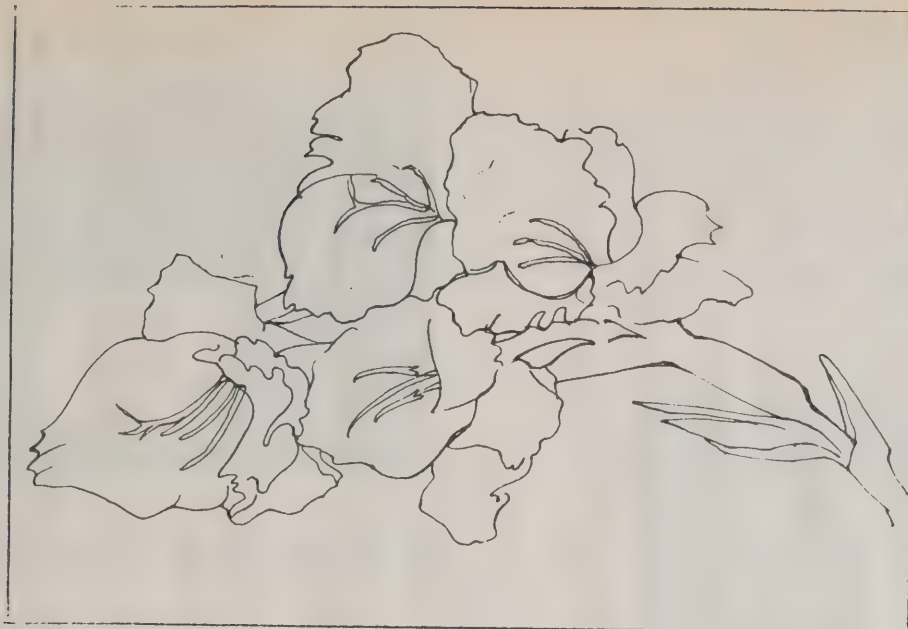
*The ocean is still  
reflecting snow-capped headlands;  
gulls break the silence.*

— Ann M. LaVallee



Grapes, by Anne O'Connor





*Gladiolus, by Anne O'Connor*

### THE LITTLE THINGS

*"Beauty persists in all the little things—"  
Or so you said, with deep pools in your eyes,  
And thinking thus, I found the lacy ground  
Where ferns outlined a fronded rabbit's bed;  
Then watching clouds I dreamed of those gonedays  
When beauty watched me, tender, all around.  
There were the pines erect in rows, like guards,  
Whistles, and throaty woodwind notes of birds,  
A gentle stirring of excitement too  
As if the laurel cups which summer pours  
Far in the woods, had a sweet plashing sound—  
And there were thoughts, and ever thoughts, of you.*

*A catch comes to the throat—a phoebe sings:  
"Beau-ty per-sists—in all the lit-tle things."*

— Sue Moody

### NIGHT FLIGHT

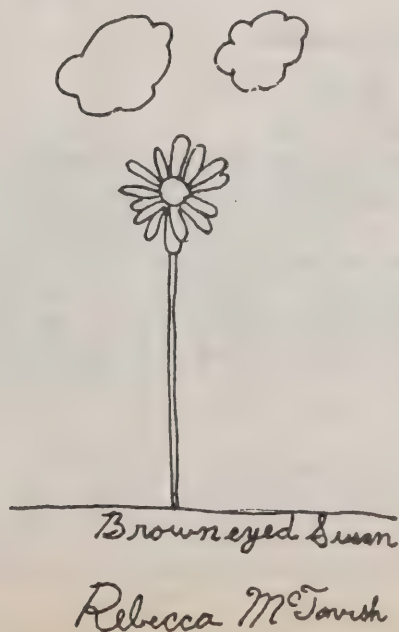
*In the still of a clear October night  
A honking sound the silence breaks  
As wild geese go in southern flight;  
The faithful sleeping dog awakes.  
Against the huge round Harvest Moon  
In V-shape form, their silhouette  
Following their leader o'er dark lagoon  
Teach us a lesson we'll not forget.  
On, on they fly, though the night is chill—  
Tired grow their wings—dark shadows creep—  
Still trusting their course to their leader's will.  
Soon they will come down to rest and sleep.  
Then onward they'll press toward warmer clime,  
Toward calm blue lakes and marshes green.  
Their destination they'll reach in time  
And tranquility and peace serene.*

— Eleanor Kimberley

### UNTITLED

*There was one day of sunlight, free of care;  
Within the shady hollows, quiet day,  
Shadows were deep as silence in the grass;  
Inexorable time seemed held at bay,  
Checked in full flight, bemused he lingered there;  
A merry child, clapping her hands with glee,  
Sprang from the earth like a just-opened flower;  
A lofty bird, planed in a wheeling flight,  
Cut with his wings a glittering arc of light;  
Tranquil as breath, felicity most rare  
Made sweet the endless space of one brief hour,  
Held in the heart, a shield against the night;  
Fortunate one, who in his span may see  
Sunlight distilled within the hour glass.*

— Dorothy E. Law





## PLANNING BOARD MEETING

The Planning Board convened for its regular meeting Thursday, September 14, in the Town hall. In spite of repeated defeats on the proposed by-laws at the past three Town Meetings the Planning Board remains undaunted, and perhaps hopeful, since many (most) of their proposals did win a simple majority if not the two-thirds necessary to pass a by-law. Wayne Burkhardt praised Planning Board Chairman Joe Baker for his tireless efforts in the actual writing of the proposed by-laws as they appeared on the Warrant. Joyce Scheffey is interested in researching the concept of "Cluster Housing," and Bob Thieriot will study some communities which require builders to construct one "affordable" home for every two regular houses they build. All this is in the planning stage; keep posted for informational meetings and discussions.

— Maggie Leonard

## FIRE COMPANY NEWS

A belated thanks to all who helped make the steak roast a success. Thanks to all who contributed also. We still have quite a few years and a lot of dollars to go on the original mortgage for the firehouse. We also have a loan to pay off for the construction of the pavilion, so contributions are always welcome. Make your plans for next year and reserve the last Saturday in July to support the fire company.


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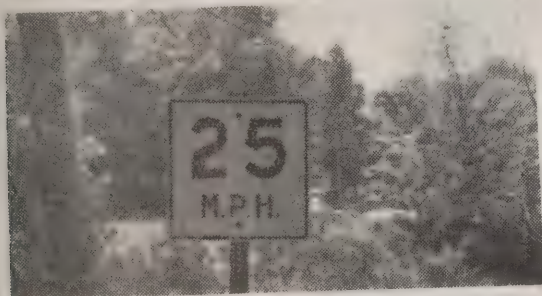
## MONTEREY GRANGE NEWS

Monterey Grange No. 291 met September 6 for Ritual Review in charge of Deputy Peter Martin. The Grange had an exhibit at the Great Barrington Fair and, on September 12, furnished the program at Umpachene Grange No. 269. The Grange was also invited to a special meeting at Huntington Grange, on September 22. The next meeting will be September 26 when, at an open meeting, the officers for 1989-1990 will be chosen in an election under the care of Special Deputy Norman Wilcox and suite.

— Mary Wallace

## NOTED WORLD FEDERALIST TO SPEAK

Paul W. Walter, former president of the United World Federalists, member of the Panel of the American Arbitration Association and of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service Panel, will speak of his experiences in labor, presidential campaigns, and national programs of arbitration. The talk, "Kennedy, Cousins, and the Atmospheric Test Ban," will be at 6:00 p.m., Monday, October 9, at the Unitarian Church, 175 Wendell Avenue, Pittsfield.



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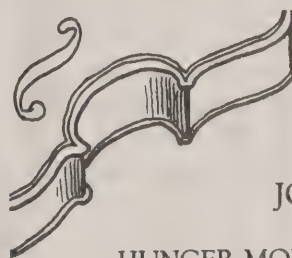
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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

I was absolutely struck by Bernie Kleban's recent travel report in the September issue. I believe that information contained in this final installment of his account of recent travels to East Germany and Czechoslovakia has the potential to shake every political think tank and bring revelation to our President's foreign policy analysts. Bernie has presented us with facts that indeed crack the code to the question that has baffled some of the best minds of this century and helped create an epidemic global arms buildup. After reading this piece, *I now know the logic* that makes seemingly repressive Marxist-Leninism click!

Bernie was good enough to inform me in the first paragraph that he was pleasantly surprised to learn that the Berlin Wall had in fact been erected in 1961 "to keep West Berliners from entering the eastern part of Berlin to 'raid' the markets, where consumer goods of all types were (and still are) much cheaper because they are the products of a non-profit (socialist) system. The West Berlin 'raids' threatened to disrupt the East German economy." You see, I now understand that this Marxist-Leninism that many of us have for so long perceived as a hypocritical and dehumanizing system without rhyme or reason is in fact driven by an ultimate purpose and desire *to protect the consumer!* Not only did East Germany build a highly fortified wall complete with barbed wire and land-mines to keep the hordes of decadent capitalist consumers away from all the good deals to be found in its retail sales establishments, but it also set armed guards along the wall to shoot all those poor ignorant East German consumers who did not recognize a good deal and were considering shopping on the other side of the border. Such mercy to put these reprobate consumers out of their misery lest they shop unwisely! And those three-hour lines outside shops in many eastern bloc countries—how silly to pity those people—they are simply exercising their free and uncompromised rights as consumers going after the good deal.

Bernie also let me know that there seemed to be a lack of pride and enthusiasm among the people of Czechoslovakia for either their government or way of life as a whole. I might remind Bernie that the last time the Czechoslovakian people mustered up a notable and free-willed level of national pride and enthusiasm, consumer-protection agents riding in tanks burst over their borders to correct the prevalent misperception that they were not receiving the best deals.

Bernie—whatever happens, don't stop the travel reports from flowing. I can't wait for the one about the Gulags in which we'll learn that they were in fact developed as low-cost socialist real estate projects for long-term winter vacationing. (We won't go too far into detail about all the elaborate but free security measures for the benefit of the residents.) Thanks for cracking the code.

— Peter B. Schulze

(P. S. Too bad that in this era of communist reforms, so many consumer protection measures are being softened.)

To the Editor:

Whoever was responsible for the wonderful photo of the church and waterfalls on the cover of the July issue deserves congratulations and commendation. It's a great angle on the town, rarely seen.

Sincerely,

David Balderston

*(Editor's note: That was one of Susan McAllester's many images of the Monterey scene; the photo credit got lost in the printing process.)*

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MORE LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

After attending Town Meetings I come away with the feeling that our town is not working in harmony as it has in the past. While there have always been differences of opinion, somehow we all wished to accomplish what was best for the entire town. In the last five years the real estate values have soared unrealistically, which may be the source of the problem.

What disturbs me is not the differences of opinion, which are necessary and healthy, but the opposition to what the Planning Board is trying to accomplish. Perhaps people have forgotten what this town stood for many years ago and what previous Planning Boards did to set the tone for helping preserve our land. Monterey stood out as one of the most enlightened towns in the Berkshires.

Let me go back 25 years. When I moved to Monterey, a developer sub-divided the land around Lake Garfield into quarter-acre lots. The town did not have any by-laws in the early 1960s and allowed it to happen, as they thought the added revenues would sustain the economics of the town. Immediately afterwards the town realized what they had done and in 1966 the then Planning Board passed a strict sub-division control law which was revolutionary at the time. How proud our town was that we were committed to preserving the land for future generations!

Then 14 years ago our town sponsored, for the Planning Board, the Monterey Resource Inventory and Land Use Plan. We led the way again. The town's concern for its natural environment and rural character is still a very strong concern with the majority of its residents. One recommendation was that "significant wetland and wildlife areas and ground water recharge areas should be retained as much as possible in their natural state by *requiring large minimum lots of four acres.*"

Why our present Planning Board got so much flak on this issue is incomprehensible to me. It was not something that they dreamed up, but was based on the recommendations, 14 years ago, of the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission, the open space plan and the citizen's committee appointed by the 1986 Planning Board. It was a long time in coming. Many other towns have adopted a Conservancy/Residential/Rural district — now Monterey is taking a back seat to these towns.

As an outspoken opponent of building on steep slopes, I was pleased that the Planning Board recommended a by-law and the residents, in their wisdom, passed it. But we are also behind in protecting our mountains as other towns have — we need to pass a scenic mountain act as well.

We have accomplished a great deal in 14 years, but we need to support the Planning Board to accomplish many of the above goals. Perhaps the Board should conduct workshops with outside consultants who are more than willing to educate us, so that we can have a better handle on the facts and make intelligent and well-formed decisions.

— Jean Germain



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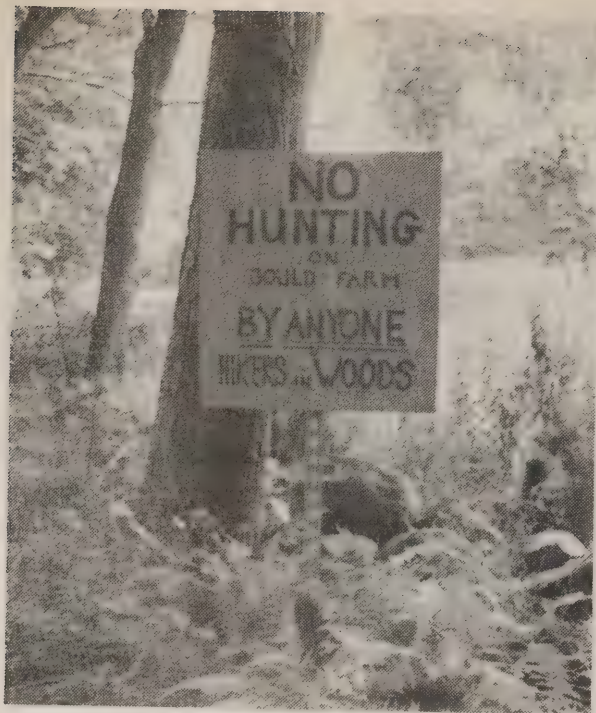
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#### BUS TRIP TO WESTON PRIORY

On October 14 at 8:00 a.m. a bus will leave from in front of the Grange/Town Hall for a trip through the beautifully foliated hills to Weston, Vermont, to attend a service at the Priory there. The plan is to be there at 11:30 for the service, have a bag lunch, visit a craft shop on the way back and reach Monterey again at 6:00 p.m. The cost is \$15.00 per person, and there are still a few places left on the bus. To join the trip, call Milly Walsh at 528-4257.

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It's official—the regional Materials Reclamation Facility ("MURF") will begin receiving recycled materials on January 15.

Some enabling equipment for recycling has been granted to Monterey by the state, and this will be delivered or picked up during the month of October. The blue household containers will be picked up in Springfield and will be available for households approximately one month before recycling starts. The big recycling container for the transfer station will appear soon and the Town will need to do a bit of dirt moving to make room for an orderly traffic flow around it.

There will be announcements and leaflets in the near future about exactly what you can recycle and how to do it. I hope that we can discuss and work together on any special problems that people may have with recycling as the program gets underway.

So, on January 15 or thereabouts, you will have filled your magic blue recycling box with cans and bottles. You will probably also have a big stack of paper and cardboard to take to the transfer station. The sky will be just a bit brighter (blue) as you trundle down to the transfer and recycling station and deposit a good portion of your solid waste in a new, more hopeful location—a recycling container. Recycling will be just one small step for each citizen and one large step forward for our town and region.

**Other Solid Waste News**

Monterey has passed an article (Special Town Meeting on August 25) to join the Southern Berkshire Solid Waste District. The organizational meeting will be October 11 at the Sheffield Town Hall. Joyce Scheffey and I were named by the selectmen as alternate delegate and delegate from Monterey. The district will begin to make plans for future solid waste initiatives in the South County region. Currently at least eight towns have joined the district. The district will start by supporting the towns in their current solid waste programs — no duplications or conflicting programs — and has in its organizational agreement the goals of economy and earth-friendliness. We'll talk more about the district later.

— Wayne Burkhardt





## MONTEREY LAND TRUST NEWS

It is with great pleasure that I report on our annual meeting/picnic held on Picnic Hill, Woodburn Farm, August 26.

After our business meeting (details below), Professor Bob Yaro of the Center for Rural Massachusetts gave a short talk on open-space development (a euphemism for cluster housing in rural areas). We hope he and/or Randy Arendt will come to Monterey in the near future and present a program on the subject. Then Bruce Gullion spoke about his many years as forester for the farm and his long association with Shel and Bea Fenn.

Then Shel read his poems. I think it is fair to say that to hear Shel read his Woodburn Farm poems in his unemphatic way *anywhere* is a moving experience. But to hear him and see him read against the open sky of his Woodburn Farm, on Picnic Hill, the very hill which is the title of the last poem he read, was a privilege and pleasure this observer will long remember. Here's what he had to say in ending:

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many people and organizations that helped to make this dream come true. When Bea and I decided that the best way to save the farm was to go with the Agricultural Restriction Program, I never dreamed it would take so many people and so many organizations to accomplish this.

"Now, three years later, with the dedicated effort of so many people it has come to pass that Woodburn Farm shall remain a farm in perpetuity. I would like to thank: Monterey Preservation Land Trust; Board of Selectmen, Monterey; Monterey Arts Council; people of Monterey; Audrey Thier; George Wislocki and the Berkshire Natural Resources Council; Sen. Peter Webber; Rep. Chris Hodgkins.

"And to all the others who have contributed in any way to this effort, I am truly grateful. I understand that there is an old Chinese proverb which says you never fully own anything until you have given it away. Welcome to Woodburn Farm. Thank you."

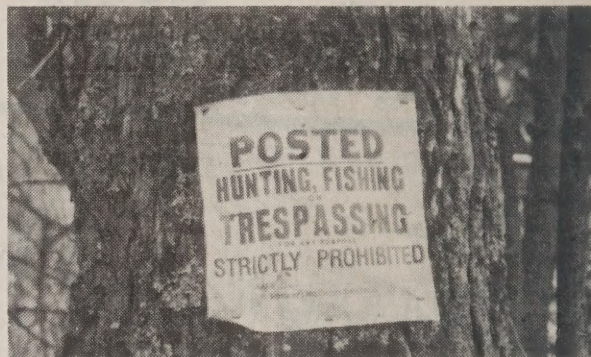
Shel set the tone for the rest of the day. And what a day it was! A superb 72 degrees and not a cloud in the sky. Bruce led a forest walk, which, according to those who went, was both impressive and informative. The kids were lucky to have Jason and Nicki of the Kids Club Theatre and also Board Members of the Land Trust, who, with the help of Carol Husten, planned and supervised games and a treasure hunt (all ecologically slanted, of course). Bob Thieriot provided volleyball and Bob Rausch and John Makuc prepared the croquet field. The potluck food was spectacular and the Land Trust donated hamburgers and hotdogs, which turned out to be not only delicious, but the exact right amount, thanks to Maynard and Andrea. We want to thank the United Church of Christ for the use of their tables.

The whole event was full of good will, pleasure in the company of each other, but mostly the pleasure of seeing and playing on the splendid farm we all helped to preserve. I wish all of you could have been there.

In our business meeting, Jane and Gordon Bowles, Peter Murkett and Carol Edelman were re-elected for three-year terms. An amendment to our bylaws was passed which will enable the Land Trust to play a role, should the opportunity arise, in helping to achieve some affordable housing in Monterey.

Note: A local paper carried a very nice story about the Woodburn Farm picnic. Unfortunately, they mistakenly noted that Shel left his land to the Land Trust. As we all know, this is not the case, but it doesn't hurt to reiterate it. Shel owns his farm. The APR bought and owns his development rights. It paid one quarter of the appraised market value for his undeveloped land. Shel offered the state a bargain sale, which it accepted. In other words, Shel gave up a possible \$600,000 to see that his farm remains a farm. Those of us who still love open space have a lot to thank him for. Thank you, Shel.

— Joyce Scheffey



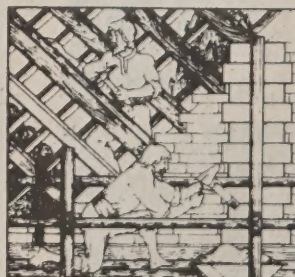
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**LINDSAY M. LANOUE**

Lindsay M. Lanoue, 37, of Sandisfield Road died September 9 at Fairview Hospital.

Born in Montague City on October 5, 1951, daughter of Joseph and Janice Howes Lanoue, she was a 1969 graduate of Mount Everett Regional High School in Sheffield.

Besides her parents, of Monterey, she leaves a son, Jake Lanoue, at home; two brothers, Joseph Lanoue of Rapid City, South Dakota, and Harlan Lanoue of Monterey; two sisters, Janet Robinson-Hole of Norwich, New York, and Gail Heath of Monterey; and a companion, Richard H. Touponce of Otis.

**KATHRYN McVEY**

Kathryn McVey, 75, of Sylvan Road, summer resident of Monterey since 1961, died September 13 at the Manor Care Nursing Home in Boca Raton, Florida.

Until she moved to the nursing home, she had been a winter resident of Hillsboro Beach, Florida.

She was born in New York City on August 6, 1914, the daughter of Laurence and Anna Clavin Cummins.

She leaves her husband, George H. McVey; a son, George R. McVey, of Dix Hills, New York; a daughter, Maureen Donohue, of Dix Hills; a sister, Gloria Blohme of Leesburgh, Florida; and six grandchildren.

The funeral was September 18 from the Hickey-Birches Funeral Home in Great Barrington, with a Liturgy of Christian Burial in Our Lady of the Valley Church in Sheffield.

Burial was in Corashire Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to Our Lady of the Hill Chapel in Monterey in care of the funeral home.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Halloween Hours**

"Trick or Treat" hours for Halloween, this year, will be from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. on October 31.

**Roads and Machinery Secretary Hired**

Pat Amstead was hired on September 11 as Secretary to the Monterey Roads and Machinery Committee.

**CALENDAR**

*Tuesday, October 3*—Prayer breakfast at 7:00 a.m. at the home of Alice Howell and Walter Andersen. All are welcome.

*Wednesday, October 11*—Community Supper at 6:30 in Church social room. Cliff Aerie will present the program, a talk about his "other work," in video-communications. Learn about his studio and see some of the presentations he has created. Bring a covered dish for the supper part of the evening.

*Thursday, October 12*—Friends of Silence, 7:30 a.m. at the home of Alice Howell and Walter Andersen. All are welcome.

*Saturday, October 14*—Bus trip to Weston Priory in Vermont, leaves at 8:00 a.m. from in front of the Grange/Town Hall. See details elsewhere in these pages. Call Milly Walsh, 528-4257.

*Saturday, October 14*—Square and Contra Dance, New England style, at the Sheffield Grange, Route 7, Sheffield. 8:30-11:30 p.m. Beginners and children welcome. All dances taught by caller Joe Baker, music by Mountain Laurel. Refreshments served. Adults \$4; children \$1 to dance until intermission. Information: 413-528-9385 or 518-329-7578.

*Saturday, October 28*—Halloween party, 7:00 p.m. in the Church, sponsored by the Monterey Arts Council. There will be mask making and pumpkin carving at 7:00 p.m., storytelling at 8:00, and refreshments at 9:00. Come all ye Halloween kids, and bring your parents!

*Saturday, October 28*—Fifth annual HARVEST MOON SQUARE and CONTRADANCE PARTY at the Sheffield Grange, Route 7, Sheffield. 8:00 p.m.-12:00 a.m. Joe Baker and Mountain Laurel with guest caller Sarah Gregory Smith of Salem, Massachusetts. Special entertainment and singing at halftime, including Grian Salomon and the Ivy Vine Players, wonderful puppet shows for the whole family. Baked goods, apple desserts, coffee, tea, cider included in the price of admission: adults \$7; children \$3. Information: 413-528-9385 or 518-329-7578.

*Tuesday, October 31*—Halloween party at the Monterey Firehouse from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.



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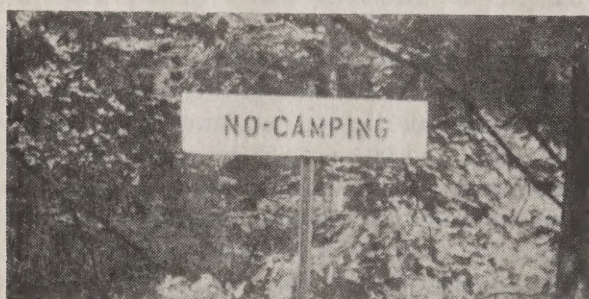
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The above complies with the Order of Conditions issued by the Monterey Conservation Commission dated September 18, 1989.

Board of Selectmen



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Back cover ads are double the above prices. No classifieds on the back cover. Copy should reach the editor by the 20th of the month before publication. In general, we cannot run letters more than one column in length.

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